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SUBJECT: FRENCH GOVERNMENT STATEMENT ON TFAI

FOLLOWING THE FEBRUARY 11 CABINET MEETING, THE GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ISSUED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT ON TFAI.

"THE GOVERNMENT RECALLED THAT IT HAD ANNOUNCED ON DECEMBER 31, 1975, ITS DESIRE TO LEAD THE TFAI TO INDEPENDENCE WHILE RESPECTING THE PRINCIPLE OF SELF-DETERMINATION. THIS PEACEFUL MOVEMENT TOWARD INDEPENDENCE MUST BE PREPARED INTERNALLY BY A BROAD, OPEN CONCENTRATION WITHIN THE REPRESENTATIVE INSTITUTIONS OF THE TERRITORY, IN THE SPIRIT OF BROAD UNION. IT WILL BE FACILITATED ON THE EXTERIOR BY CLEAR STATEMENTS OF POSITION ABOUT RESPECT FOR THE BORDERS OF THE FUTURE STATE. TO THIS END, THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT, AS IT ANNOUNCED ON DECEMBER 31, 1975, IS GOING TO UNDERTAKE, IN LIAISON WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TERRITORY, THE NECESSARY DEMARCHES TO THE INTERESTED STATES AND IN-

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STITUTIONS TO DEFINE THE GUARANTEES WHICH CAN ONLY

FACILITATE AND ACCELERATE THE MOVEMENT OF THE
TERRITORY TOWARDS INDEPENDENCE WHICH, IN THE INTEREST OF
THE REGION, SHOULD BE REALIZED IN A PEACEFUL AND
DEMOCRATIC MANNER."
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